

25X1A Thursday - 26 January 1950

1. [REDACTED] sent me for information the file of correspondence on a Mrs [REDACTED] who has offered the Government certain photographs and notes regarding her late husband's explorations in Tibet and China. After an examination by members of our [REDACTED] 5X1 office, it was determined that this material did not justify the \$35,000 asking price and other considerations which [REDACTED] demanded, nor did it have any intelligence value whatsoever. [REDACTED] has protested this determination in a letter to Mr. Strong, Chief of IAD, State Department, with copies to Senators Knowland and Taft. I have informed Mr. Wilson in Senator Knowland's office and Mr. Martin in Senator Taft's office that this material has no value and that they 25X1A should be guided accordingly in their answers.